

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2005

Participants: Jim Dickey, Richard Gaar, Ken Sweet, Cherie Campbell, Anna Shane, Olivia Guerrero, Rex Critchfield, Brian Babiars, Michael Hegarty, Jim Murphy, Maxine Leather, Susan Gerard

Absent: Amy St. Peter, John Anderson, Mike Medora, Anna Maria Chavez, Jack Shambaugh, Martin Ince

Staff present: Shandra Olsson, Gregg Kiely, Eileen Colleran

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am and members introduced themselves.

II. Arizona Rides Overview

Jim Dickey

An overview of United We Ride and Arizona Rides was presented. The presentation can be viewed on the Arizona Rides web site at http://www.azdot.gov/ptd/AzRides.asp.

III. Executive Order

Jim Dickey

The Executive Order, 2005-16, which established the Council and its responsibilities was reviewed. The Executive Order can be viewed at http://www.azdot.gov/ptd/PDF/AZRides_ExecOrder.pdf.

IV. Open Meeting Law

Eileen Colleran

A summary of the key points of the Open Meeting Law was reviewed. A copy was provided to each Council member in the meeting folder.

V. Arizona Rides Brochure

Jim Dickey

Members requested some corrections to the draft. A revised version will be available at the next meeting.

VI. Roundtable Discussion

Jim Dickey

Olivia Guerrero gave an overview of the Pinal Rides pilot. Jim Dickey stated that at a meeting of state departments of transportation, public transit divisions, one

state reported that all transportation dollars for Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) were directed through the state department of transportation. There were some additional comments related to how extensive this effort will be and level of commitment of the state agencies.

VII. Interim Report/Action Plan

Gregg Kiely

Gregg Kiely provided a copy of the interim report that was sent to the Governor's Office. He also provided an overview of the draft initial action plan.

VIII. Funding Issues

Jim Dickey

Jim Dickey noted that although we received one grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and are applying for a second one, that the amounts are small. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has added money to facilitate both the statewide assessment and the Pinal Rides pilot project. He requested that Council members check to see if their agency may have any planning funds that could be used for this effort. A question was asked regarding restrictions on funds and Jim replied that we would find a way to make appropriate use of any funds within whatever limitations they may have. Susan Gerard noted that her agency could provide in-kind services.

IX. Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule

A vote on the initial state action plan will be needed at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19 from 10:30 – 12:30 pending a quorum of Council members.